the House think. Much has been attempted in recent years by expanding the Text Book Committee, by adding more competent persons, by giving wider representation to varied interests and by introducing various other methods for the efficient working of the committee to increase its usefulness.

From what has been said of the English text book prescribed for the IV Form, it might be argued that even the existing committee in all its recommendations and suggestions alike has not kept an even standard. I am not therefore hopeful of either improving the present standard or of being able to devise a better scheme for the prescription of text books.

Something has been said with regard to compulsory primary education and in that connection, I wish to speak also on some of the points mentioned by Mr. Kuruvilla. Compulsory primary education necessarily implies the fixing of the standard of education at the primary stage. That point has been already discussed by me. As regards the abolition of overlapping schools, it has been necessary for the department to deal rather severely with some of the overlapping schools here and there.

The House is however aware of the difficulties attendant upon such a course, particularly, in the matter of making a distinction which is found to be indispensable in such cases, as between competing and rival interests. So what has happened is, we are only going slow, without causing any inconvenience to the public or much complaint from the management concerned. Reports are called for from the Assistant Inspectors and after they are received, they are reviewed by the Divisional-officers and in very important cases, the Director himself would pay a personal visit in company with the officers concerned and talk the matter over with the men of the locality before any final decision is arrived at.

President: The question is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 43,14,901 under Demand XIX—Education excluding Travancore University and a sum of Rs. 47,540 under Demand XXIII—Up-lift of Backward Communities.

The demands were put and carried. The grants were made.

The House adjourned for lunch at 1-5 P. M. and reassembled at 2 P. M. with the President in the Chair.

MEMBER SWORN.

M. R. Ry. P. S. Kuppuswamy Aiyar Avl, B. A., B. L. (*Secretary to Government*) was sworn in.

DEMAND XVI—POLICE.

Khan Bahadur Rajyasevapravina G. S. Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy (*Inspector General of Police*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 8,5 ,160 under Demand XVI —Police.

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